

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 114 - HB 285

March 12, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective January 1, 2012, creates the Office of Solicitor General to defend and prosecute cases in the interest of the State. The Solicitor General would be appointed for a term of four years by a joint vote of the General Assembly. Relieves and transfers certain duties from the Office of Attorney General and Reporter to the Solicitor General. Authorizes the Solicitor General to hire additional staff as necessary, including a full-time salaried investigator. Transfers the investigative authority of the Attorney General and Reporter to the Solicitor General.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$35,000/One-Time
\$426,100/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Estimate assumes the staff performing the duties transferred to the Solicitor General will be transferred at no additional cost to the state.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$373,436 includes the salaries (\$318,366) and benefits (\$107,702) for the Solicitor General, one assistant, and one paralegal.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$35,000 for computer equipment, furniture, and law library for the three additional positions.
- The Office of Attorney General remains with limited duties outlined.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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